ESQUIMALT PARENT & STUDENT DOCKER

Nov. 23 – Nov. 27

Mon. Nov. 23	**Zoutts Pub Trivia- Grad Fundraiser**	**Doors 6:30pm- Hecklers**
Tues. Nov. 24		
Wed. Nov. 25	**Raft/Focus Block**	
Thurs. Nov. 26		
Friday Nov. 27	**Professional Development- No Scheduled Classes**	

Coming Soon

SAVE THE DATE

NOV 28	**Robotics Scrimmage**
DEC. 1	**Winter Music Concert Part 1**
DEC 2	**Early Dismissal**
DEC. 3	**Winter Music Concert Part 2** **Deadline to sign up for community photos (see pg ___ of Docker)**
DEC 4	**Winter Challenge Social**
DEC. 5	**Robotics Bottle Drive**
DEC. 9	**Early Dismissal 2:27pm**
DEC 11	**ESQ Music Holiday Social**



ESQ news

New Edition for Dockside Dispatch:

Here is the latest episode of dockside dispatch!

Here is the YouTube link - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W1Cc9fk3kB0

If you would prefer a direct link to avoid ads, click on this one - https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mxSndX5T0sIt8jkXSuVBmRFByAvMyjtM/view?usp=sharing

This episode was intended for last week, so some of the information is less timely than it ought to have been!

Supporting Our Students: Food Programs at Esquimalt

At Esquimalt, we believe that no student should go through the day hungry. Our **Breakfast and Lunch Programs** are here to support those facing financial hardship, ensuring they have access to nourishing meals. If your family can provide meals from home, we kindly ask that you leave these programs available for those who need them most.

For **everyone in our school community**, the **Rainbow Kitchen "Fridge of Love"** is always open! Students and staff are welcome to grab a snack—no questions asked, just kindness shared. 😊

Thank you for helping us take care of one another!

Cafeteria: The ESQ Café menu offers a hot lunch, salad and a variety of baked goods daily. The Café accepts cash and reloadable Café cards. Café cards can now be loaded through the student's account on School Cash On-Line.

CAFETERIA ESQ Café Menu – Nov. 23 – Nov. 27

Monday	BBQ Braised Beef sandwich, southwestern BBQ braised beef, house made onion rings, smoked mozzarella, served with potato chips
Tuesday	Chicken Biryani, mango chutney, mint yogurt
Wednesday	Prawn Bibimbap, sticky rice, tempura prawns, marinated shiitake mushrooms, carrot and cucumber ribbons, gochujang sauce, fried egg and crispy onions
Thursday	Bacon Cheese Burger and fries, house made beef patty, bacon and gruyere cheese, tomato jam, dijon aioli, pickles and lettuce
Friday	Professional Development Day- No Food Service



ESQ 2027 Europe Trip

M Stéphane Patenaude, Mme Claudia Donald and Ms Kyra Kristmanson are organizing a 12 day international trip to France and Spain for Spring Break 2027. This is a trip booked through EF Tours and is for any students currently in grades 10-12. For students in grade 9 this year, we ask that you contact M Stéphane directly at spatenaude@sd61.bc.ca with your inquiry before registering. We have a few spots left, and are looking to prioritize older students for now, but please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested. If you would like to know more, such as the full itinerary and the price, please click on THIS LINK for a full description of the trip.

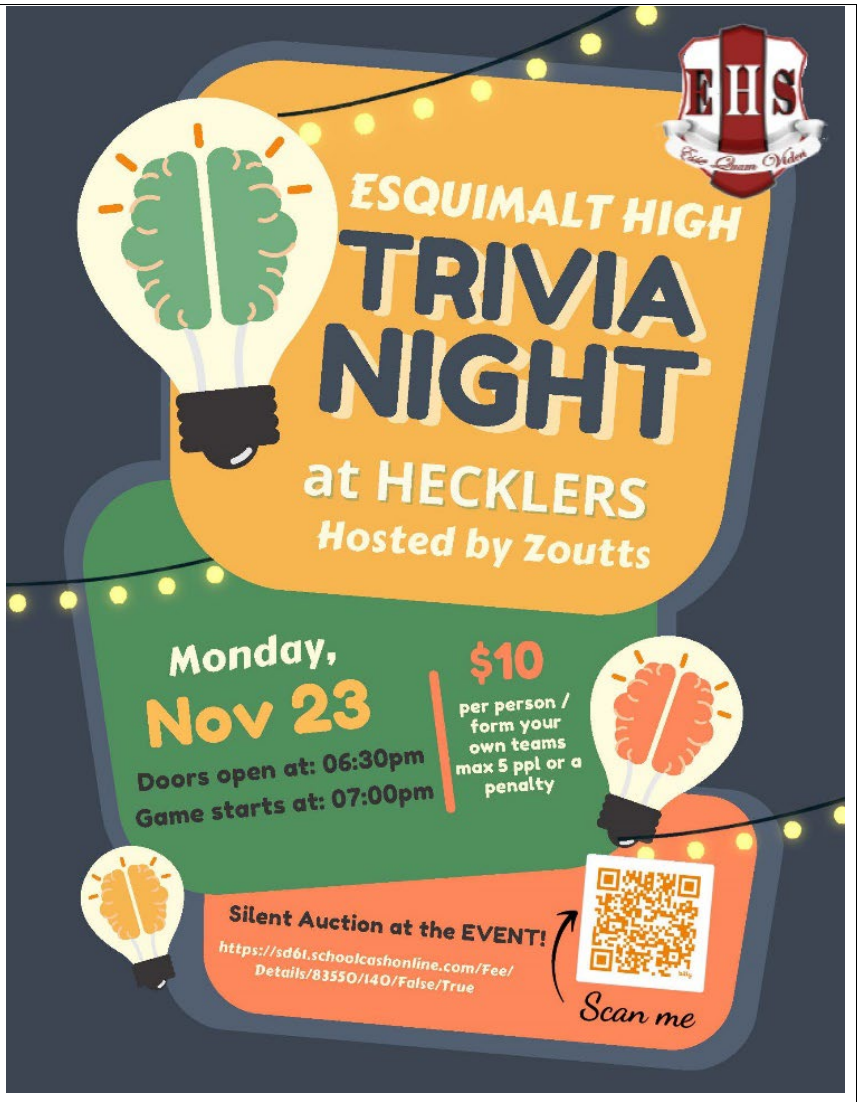
If you have any questions, feel free to email Stéphane Patenaude at spatenaude@sd61.bc.ca .

GRAD FUNDRAISER:

Come for the Fun and Laughter while supporting 2027 Grads.

Why not Spice up a Monday evening?

https://sd61.schoolcashonline.com/Fee/Details/83550/140/False/True



Mountain West Studios will be hosting a community photo session for students who may have missed the opportunity to have photos taken or would like a retake. Please see the details below for information.

Date: Saturday December 5, 2026
**we kindly ask that you sign up by Thursday December 3rd*



Location: Victoria West Community Centre Fireplace Room
521 Craigflower Rd, Victoria

Sign Up Here: Community Retakes - Victoria

Please note the following regarding your appointment:
Photo sessions will require a $20 deposit. You will receive a discount code in the amount of your deposit, which is redeemable towards any purchase. Students will have 2-4 standard school photos taken and uploaded to a personal gallery.
All photos taken at this event are made available for personal purchase and will not be included in school services such as yearbooks if applicable.
If you have any questions, please reach out to Mountain West Studios' customer service team for assistance.

Phone: 1.888.644.4494



November 22–28 is Canadian Climate Action Week!

Climate action Week is an annual, community-driven initiative to raise awareness about climate change, and address community needs around environmental emergencies.

What's the event?

From November 23–27, students can write their names on refundables they place in the refundable bin. These will be collected and entered into a raffle for a chance to win prizes!

Additionally, students spotted correctly sorting waste (compost, refundables, recycling, or garbage) by participating CCA Week staff volunteers will also be entered. Volunteers will be identifiable by their CCA Week buttons. Up to 20 students will win prizes!

Lastly, ESQ's Compost Club and Media Arts groups have collaborated on a video to raise awareness about our school's waste management. The video will be shown during B block classes on November 23rd and will explain proper waste sorting, along with the instructions for the following event.

We look forward to working together to support our environment!









Due Date Extended to Nov 30th

PEER TUTORING AT ESQUIMALT!

The Esquimalt High Peer Tutors are looking for students to help! All grades, all subjects! Use the bit.ly to make a request. Mrs Bjornson will connect with you within 1 or 2 days. Feel free to visit Mrs Bjornson in 211a if you have any questions. ✨ Peer tutoring services are FREE!

Does Your Student Drive to School?

Student drivers will need to **register** for a parking permit to park on school grounds. Please complete the parking permit application attached in full and return it to the office.





ESQUIMALT HIGH 13TH ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HOUSE FUNDRAISER!

HOUSE KITS $20 EACH

http://bit.ly/esqgingerbread26

Order Deadline Dec. 2, 2026

Brought to you by the ESQ Culinary Program

All proceeds go to CFAX Santa's Anonymous!

ORDER NOW



EMPA · 2026 WINTER FUNDRAISER

LAST WEEK TO ORDER!

Deck the halls, fund the band!

poinsettias, wreaths & holiday cheer for a good cause

Every plant supports students and teachers in the Esquimalt High Music Program.

our goal	order by	pick up
$2,000	Nov 24	Dec 1 & 3

Easy as do-re-mi

Do
Order online
Choose your plants on the fundraiser page by Nov 24.

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Pick up at the concert
Tue Dec 1 or Thu Dec 3, 6:30–7:15 PM or 8:45–9:30 PM.

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Spread the cheer
Esquimalt High School, 847 Colville Road.

Holiday highlights

see all 16 items online!

Poinsettias & blooms

4" Poinsettia	$5.99
6.5" Poinsettia	$11.99
10" Poinsettia	$34.99
4" Christmas Cactus	$5.99

Wreaths & planters

22" Noble Fir Wreath	$39.99
Winter Greens Porch Planter	$39.99
Holiday Planters, 6"–14"	from $24.99
6" Grinch Tree in Sack	$24.99

Take a bow – order today!

Supporting a student?
Please search for their name in the Leaderboard before making your purchase.

hilltopgreenhouses.com/pages/fundlet/ESQUIMALT-MUSIC

scan to order!

Questions? Bryan Kirke, EMPA Chair · esquimaltmusicparents@gmail.com · Plants by Hilltop Greenhouses

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR GRADE 12

WINTER FORMAL

17TH DECEMBER 2026

6:30 - 10:00PM | $50 DELTA HOTEL | SEMI-FORMAL

TICKETS ON SALE LUNCH NOVEMBER 23RD-DECEMBER 4TH
BY THE OFFICE
CASH/CHEQUE/CARD

CAREERS:

CAREER EXPLORATION OPPORTUNITIES

CHECK OUT OUR CURRENT SPRINGBOARD OPPORTUNITIES!
Interested in learning more or would like to apply, see our ESQ Careers Team!
Career Centre Coordinator: Tarra Clarke tclarke@sd61.bc.ca
Career Educator: Mr. Henderson khenderson@sd61.bc.ca

What is a Springboard? A one-day event that allows students through experiential learning to reflect on where their interests and strengths overlap with emerging career-life opportunities. Springboards are an innovative approach to expose student awareness to a variety of career-life choices.

JABC Techworks
Join JABC TechWorks and spend the day exploring future careers through hands-on, immersive learning experiences that show how technology shapes every industry.

WHEN: Thursday December 10 2026 | 9:30am - 2:15pm
WHERE: Camosun College

WHO: Open to Grade 10 & 12 Students
APPLICATIONS DUE: November 23, 2026

AUTOMOTIVE PROGRAM (AutoTech) EXPLORATION
@ Camosun & Esquimalt High

Love Cars? Did you know you could graduate from high school with your **Level 1 Automotive Service Technician training** completed toward your Red Seal certification?Get hands-on experience, explore the automotive trade, and discover where this career could take you! **Tour the automotive shops at Camosun College's Interurban Campus and Esquimalt High School** to learn more about our AutoTech Program.

WHEN: Wednesday Dec 09, 2026 | 9:00am - 2:00pm
WHERE: Camosun College & Esquimalt High School
WHO: Open to Grade 10 & 11 Students
APPLICATIONS DUE: November 27, 2026
POST-SECONDARY VISITS @ ESQ!

Explore Your Options. Connect with Universities. Plan Your Future!

Thinking about life after high school? Post-secondary representatives are visiting ESQ! Learn about programs, admission requirements, scholarships, campus life, and more.

POST-SECONDARY VISITS @ ESQ!

Upcoming University Presentations

University of Victoria (UVic) Presentation – Monday, November 23 | Lunchtime RM211 - No sign-up required!

- **University of Victoria (UVic) –** Monday, **November 16** | Lunchtime
  No sign-up required!

Parents' Advisory Council (PAC):

Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) welcomes all parents and guardians to their meetings. **The next meeting is Dec 8th at 6:45 pm**. The PAC is an important part of our school and we value our partnership with our parents. A student's school experience is enriched when parents, staff and students are working together.

Please see below for a quick description of Parents' Advisory Council.

What is the PAC? The PAC provides a forum for membership (*parents/guardians*) to exchange ideas, express concerns and ask for support in all matters relating to the school. Through the Executive, the PAC engages with the school principal, faculty and staff respecting any matter relating to École Secondaire Esquimalt High School.

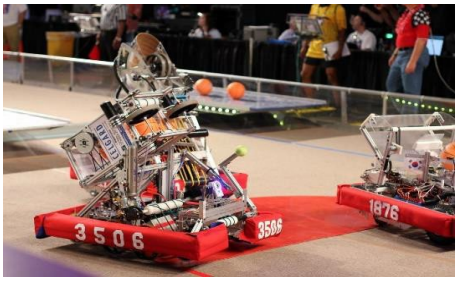
Our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) welcomes all parents and guardians to their meetings. To be included in PAC meeting correspondence (agendas, minutes etc) please send us a message at esquimaltpac@gmail.com.

Opportunities to volunteer exist year-round. Tell us about your special skills and connections and how they can help the school community.

Meetings: Monthly meetings are open to all PAC members. In May of each year there is an Annual General Meeting (AGM) wherein the Executive for the following school year is selected/confirmed.

Esquimalt High School PAC Executive, 2026-2027

- **President – Dylan Reeves**
- **Secretary – Kirsten Andersen**
- **Treasurer – Jessica Truswell**
- **Member at large – Yoni Bremner**
- **VCPAC/BCCPAC Rep – Mark Weston**



Robotics: **Saturday November 28nd** Esquimalt High is hosting robotics teams from around the city for a scrimmage. On **Saturday December 12th** Esquimalt High will be hosting an official FIRST Technical Challenge Qualifier tournament for robotics teams from Vancouver Island (spectators welcome).

ESQUIMALT ROBOTICS & ROTARY

BOTTLE DRIVE

DEC. 5 | JAN. 9

SCAN TO ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR!

PROCEEDS BEING SHARED WITH INTERACT CLUB & COMMUNITY ROBOTICS INCLUDING: MACAULAY ELEMENTARY & SHORELINE MIDDLE SCHOOLS

10AM–2PM

Esquimalt High School,
847 Colville Rd, Victoria

Winter Dance Show

Dec 9th in the Theatre
Doors: 6:30pm
Showtime: 7:00pm
Admission by donation



Health and Safety: ESQ School Nurse

We have Youth Health Clinic at Esquimalt High on Tuesdays 1130-2 in the medical room. Students can access the nurse for general questions during breaks as well as before/after school.

Services provided outlined below:

- **Contraception (birth control) dispensing**
- **Emergency Contraception dispensing (aka morning after pill)**
- **Referrals for IUDs**
- **Pregnancy testing (discuss options, referrals etc if needed)**
- **Sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment**
- **Urinary tract infection testing and treatment**
- **Immunizations**
- **Naloxone administration training and kits available**
- **Free condoms and lube**
- **Sexual health questions/educations**
- **Support following a sexual assault (either support accessing SA resources or can support myself)**



Santa's Closet Is Coming Back to Craigflower Dec 9-11, 2026

Santa's Closet is returning to Craigflower this December, and we are so excited to make this wonderful event happen again!

Last year was an incredible success. Our students had the opportunity to shop for special adults in their lives and choose meaningful gifts for the people they care about.

What Are We Looking For?

We are looking for gently used, like-new items that would make wonderful gifts suitable for children, teens, adults, and seniors.
Some examples of great offerings include:

- Unused gift cards or gift certificates
- Gift bags ,tags, boxes, bows, paper and ribbons
- Household items, jewelry, toys, sports equipment…



We Need Your Help!

We are also looking for volunteers to help make Santa's Closet a special experience for our students.

Volunteers will help students choose gifts for the important people in their lives and then help them wrap, label, and prepare their presents to take home.

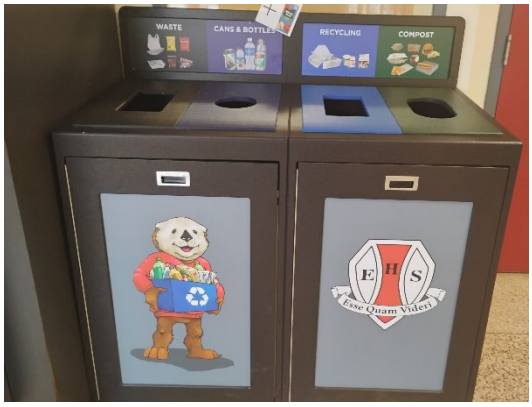
Help us fill Santa's Closet!

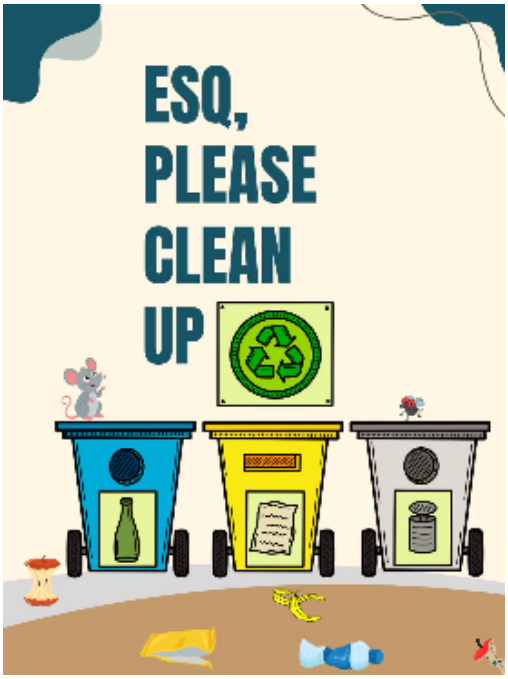
If you have donations, would like to volunteer, or have any questions, please contact Ms. Horlor at lahorlor@sd61.bc.ca or come and see her around the school.

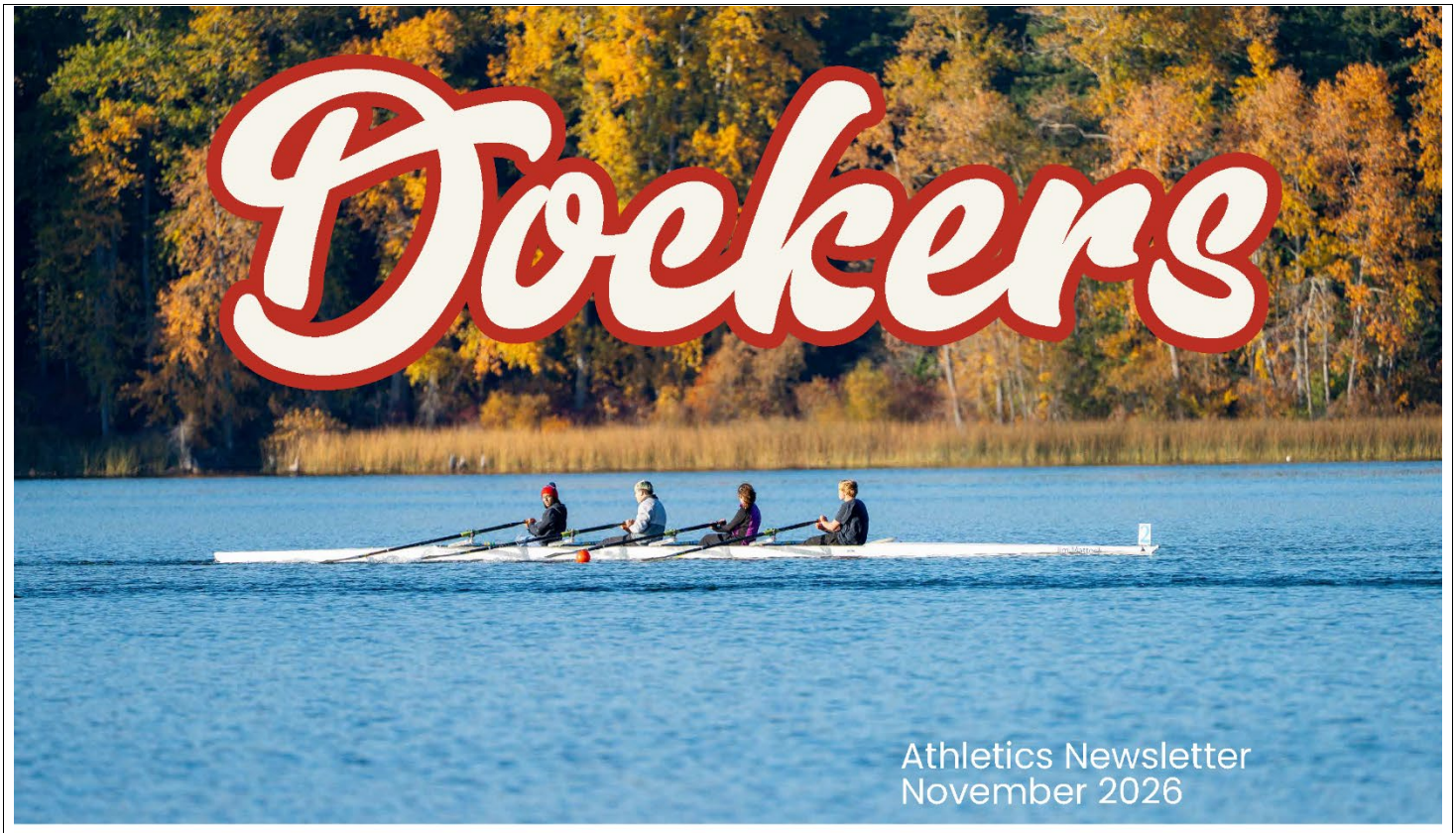
Let's fill Santa's Closet together!

Esquimalt High School Students Champion their planet by organizing a Compost and Recycling Program.

Students can sort their trash in many convenient locations around the school.







FALL Season Recap

As the BC School Sports fall season comes to a close, Esquimalt Athletics has plenty to celebrate.
Our student-athletes have represented the school with determination, sportsmanship, and pride throughout a busy season of competition. From championship performances to hard-fought matches and personal bests, our teams have demonstrated what it means to be part of Esquimalt Athletics.

Cross Country

Our cross-country runners delivered strong performances throughout the fall, culminating in the Island Championships in Nanaimo. **Macy Eison** (Junior) and **Ohenewa Owusu-Nyamekye** (Senior) earned spots at the Provincial Championships in Abbotsford on November 7, where both achieved personal best times in their respective 4 km and 5 km races.

Congratulations to our runners.

Teacher Coach/Sponsor - Ms. Thornber



Rowing



Esquimalt's rowing program continues to provide students with a unique opportunity to develop their skills on the water through our partnership with the Gorge Narrows Rowing Club.
This fall, 16 students participated in the program, competing in two regattas before wrapping up their season at the City Championships, held October 31 - November 1 at Elk Lake. Our top-performing quad finished 13th overall in the city.

Teacher Coach/Sponsor - Mr. Dahl

Boys' Soccer



Our Boys' Soccer team enjoyed an outstanding season, going **undefeated in Division 2 league play** and advancing all the way to the Colonist Shield Final. In a closely contested championship match, the boys came up just short against Vic High, falling 3–2.

Teacher Coach/Sponsor - Mr. Thompson

Jr Girls' Volleyball



The Junior Girls' Volleyball team battled through an exceptionally competitive regular season, narrowly missing qualification for the Division 1 Championships. Undeterred, the girls made the most of their playoff opportunity, capturing the **Division 2 City Championship**. A fantastic finish to a challenging season!

Teacher Coach/Sponsor - Mr. Witzke & Mrs. Peddie

Jr Boys' Volleyball



Esquimalt was proud to host the Junior Boys' Island Championships this past weekend, welcoming teams from across Vancouver Island.
Our boys opened the tournament with a thrilling match against Gulf Islands, treating an enthusiastic lunchtime crowd to a **dramatic 16–14 victory** in the deciding third set.

Community Coaches - Zaria Channer & Parker Mienelly (Esquimalt Class of 2026)

Sr Boys' Volleyball



The Senior Boys' Volleyball team saw its season come to a dramatic conclusion at the AA South Island Championships, falling to Edward Milne 15–13 in the deciding third set of a hard-fought elimination match.

Community Coaches - Kevin Scott & Madelyn Swanson-Warner (Esquimalt graduate)

Sr Girls' Volleyball



The Senior Girls' Volleyball team continues its impressive fall campaign as the **AAA South Island Champions**. The girls now turn their attention to the Island Championships in Parksville, November 20–21, where they will look to defend their title and earn a return trip to the Provincial Championships.

Teacher Coach/Sponsor - Mr Dahl & Ms Donald



Thank You, Esquimalt Athletics Community!

Our school athletics programs depend on the commitment of student-athletes, teachers, community coaches, families, and volunteers. Their contributions make it possible for students to compete, develop meaningful relationships, embrace challenges, and represent Esquimalt with pride.

Congratulations to all our fall student-athletes, and thank you to everyone who helped make this season a success.

The Season Ahead

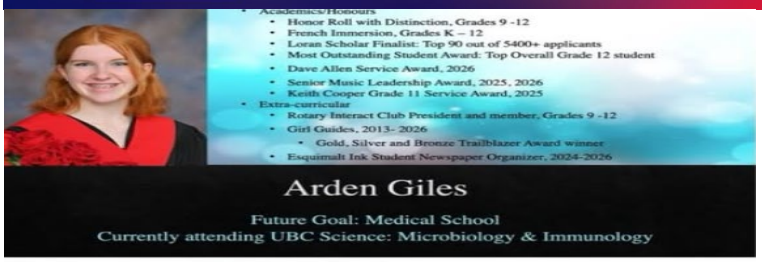
With fall sports wrapping up, attention now turns to the winter season.

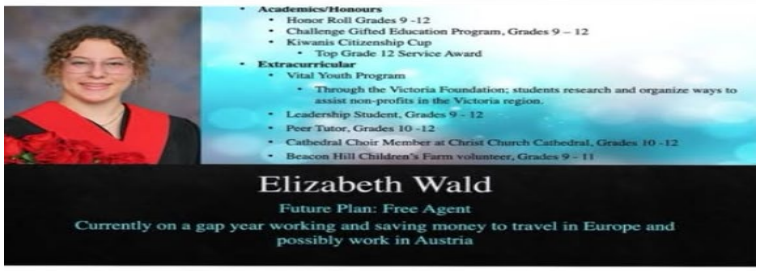
Tryouts are underway for our Junior and Senior Girls' and Boys' Basketball teams.



Go Dockers!

SHARING OUR STORIES OF SUCCESS







Congratulations Congratulations to the recipients of the 2026 Alumni Scholarships Arden, Elizabeth and Nikolai! Each student has pursued their passions with vigour, dedication and the highest level of excellence. We are so proud of you all - well done! #grad2026 🎓

Congratulations!

The Senior Girls volleyball team are in the home stretch of their season! This past Saturday they finished 3rd in the city out of 20 teams! They also won their AAA South Island Championship last Thursday night and are the first seed going up to the Island Championship this Friday and Saturday in Parksville! They have a good chance of finishing top 2 to then move on to Provincials! * fingers crossed *
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Dockers Rock!!



WHO WE ARE AT ESQ

Esquimalt High school values diversity, equity and inclusion, ensuring that all students, staff and guests feel safe and respected. Relationships form the foundation of our school community - as such, we strive to create a culture that fosters belonging and connection to support academic success and social-emotional well-being.

Do's – How We Shine

- Show kindness, respect and inclusivity through our words and actions
- Take care of ourselves, our school and our community
- Arrive on time and ready to learn
- Use technology and resources responsibly, including storing cell phones out of sight unless permitted by the teacher
- Build a safe, welcoming space for everyone
- Choose words and actions that lift others up
- Make healthy choices for yourself and others
- Solve conflicts respectfully
- Be creative, original and honest in your work
- Express your ideas and opinions using respectful, polite and inclusive language
- Step in and speak out if you witness acts that don't align with who we are as a school community



Reference: https://esquimalt.sd61.bc.ca/our-school/student-code-of-conduct/

Parent Connect: How to Check Report Cards online?

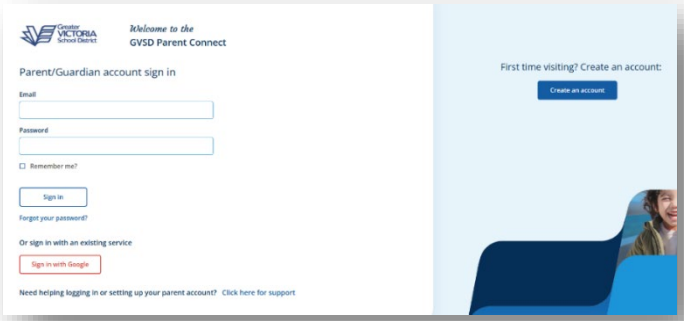
Our Learning Updates (Report Cards) are updated in the Parent Connect Online System. The service reduces the amount of paper forms and allows parents and school staff to review a student's consent information on-demand.

Considering that 20% of the students in SD61 speak different languages than English and French, the service also includes Google Translate to support parents who prefer to communicate in other languages.

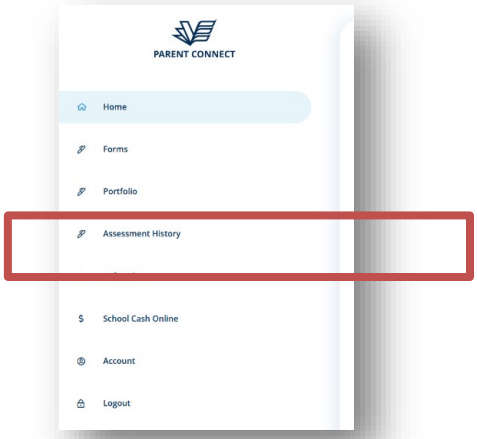
Paper copies will only be available **upon request** in person from the office.

How to create an account and access the system: Parent Connect instructional video or PDF Instructions

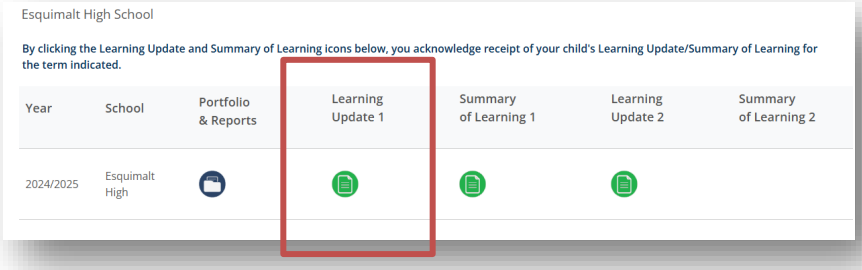
How to access to the Learning updates? Here are the steps ⬇️ ⬇️



1. Log In to the system with your email and password or with your Google (Gmail) account.
2. If is your first time, click in the blue bottom "Create an account".



3. On the left side panel click on Home. Click on the name of your student, if you only have one Student in the District.
4. Click on "Assessment History".



5. Click **on "Learning Update 1".** A PDF file will download.
6. Check your Downloads file. Open the Report Card for your student.